deposited with Food & Civil Supplies Department Offices. The Department Staff then verify lifted quantities of ration commodities from Fair Price Shops. This increases accountability and transparency in functioning of Fair Price Shops.

Outlay on food subsidy

2048. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the increase in the proposed outlay on food subsidy is only 6.2 per cent inspite of the inflationary pressure on prices and no attempt is made to resort to a universal PDS since the targeted PDS has a limited reach;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons identified; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the Situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) The budget allocation for food subsidy for 2006-07 (Revised Estimates) was Rs. 24203.92 crore, while the allocation for 2007-08 (Budget Estimates) is Rs. 25696.20 crore, showing an increase of 6.2%.

The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) was introduced in June 1997 with a view to target the underprivileged sections of the Society, as the earlier Universal PDS did not adequately focus on the hungry and had an urban bias. The revival of universal PDS would result in the TPDS losing its focus on meeting the needs of the poor, since it would require substantial reduction in allocation of foodgrains for all categories of families.

Government of India is committed to meet the requirement of foodgrains under various welfare schemes including TPDS and other welfare schemes being implemented and all necessary steps for the implementation of these Schemes are being taken.

Reduction in quota of foodgrains

†2049. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether quota for the foodgrains of some of the States has been reduced during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have received any requests for not reducing the quota for foodgrains;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) During the last three years, allocations under Targeted Public Distribution System have been revised as under:

(i) the allocation of wheat was rationalized from June, 2006 on the basis of the average monthly offtake of the last three years for all the States/UTs. While for the BPL and AAY families, the scale of 35 kg of food grains per family per month has been retained, only the inter se ratio of rice and wheat has changed. The allocation of wheat for the APL category has been made more realistic linking it with offtake of earlier years.

(ii) the allocation of rice has been rationalized for the APL category *w.e.f.* April, 2007 on the basis of the offtake figures of the last three years, and

(iii) keeping in view the requests received from the North Eastern States and Sikkim, with special reference to their particular position, the Government has enhanced *w.e.f.* July, 2007, the allocation of rice for the APL category by 1.5 times of their existing allocation, subject to their entitlement.

The pre-revised and revised allocations for wheat and rice are given in Statement-I and Statement-II

(c) and (d) The Government has received requests from a number of States for an increase/restoration of the allocation for Above Poverty Line (APL) category, details of which are given in Statement-Ill *(See* below).

(e) While the rationalized allocation levels have been retained, keeping in view the requests received from the States and position of stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool adhoc allocations of wheat have been made as given in the as Statement-IV *(See* below). The adhoc/additional allocations have been made from the available stocks in the Central Pool. Also to improve availability, the Government has already taken a decision to import upto 50 lakh tons of wheat during 2007-08.

Statement-I

State-wise monthly allocation of wheat under TPDS

(In thousand tons)

SI. No.	States/UTs	Allocation prior to rationalization April, 2006	Revised allocation *w.e.f.* June, 06	Allocation *w.e.f* April, 07 *	Allocation post . restoration July, 2007
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	12.806	2.754	2.754	2.754
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.815	0.786	0.786	0.786

1	2	3	4	5	6
3	Assam	22.128	18.697	18.697	18.697
4	Bihar	201.316	69.947	72.346	72.346
5	Chhattisgarh	28.755	5.714	5.714	5.714
6	Delhi	68.178	28.394	34.51	34.51
7	Goa	3.011	0.201	0.201	0.201
8	Gujarat	190.317	37.457	43.152	43.152
9	Haryana	79.457	29.083	29247	29.247
10	Himachal Pradesh	13.971	10.858	13.668	13.668
11	Jammu and Kashmir	18.45	17.136	17.136	17.136
12	Jharkhand	34.272	26.585	26.585	26.585
13	Karnataka	51.871	8.154	26.728	26.728
14	Kerala	45.705	19.113	18.74	18.74
15	Madhya Pradesh	244.688	106.497	112.429	112.429
16	Maharashtra	392.069	122.658	122.658	122.658
17	Manipur	1.714	0.606	0.606	0.606
18	Meghalaya	0.648	0.43	0.43	0.43
19	Mizoram	1.01	0.624	0.624	0.624
20	Nagaland	2.727	2.716	2.716	2.716
21	Orissa	24.402	7.793	7.793	7.793
22	Punjab	98.156	11.122	11.122	11.122
23	Rajasthan	226.34	84.104	84.104	84.104
24	Sikkim	0.5	0.245	0.245	0.245
25	Tamil Nadu	10	3.783	3.783	3.783
26	Tripura	3.995	1.337	1.337	1.337
27	Uttaranchal	13.196	7.191	7.191	28.764
28	Uttar Pradesh	395.1	125.966	124.469	124.469
29	West Bengal	174.287	121.514	121.514	121.514
30	A and N Islands	0.578	0.329	0.329	0.329
31	Chandigarh	4.511	0.018	0.034	0.034
32	D and N Haveli	0.253	0.044	0.044	0.044
33	Daman and Diu	0.129	0.012	0.012	0.012
34	Lakshadweep	0.019	0.019	0	0
35	Pondicherry	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
	TOTAL:	2365.574	871.987	911.804	933.377

* Changes in allocation of wheat in some States are on account of substitution of coarsegrains by wheat, variations in the number of eligible BPL/AAY families and restoration of wheat allocation for Delhi etc.

Statement-II

State-wise monthly allocation of rice under TPDS

(In thousand tons)

SI. No.	States/UTs	Allocation in April, 06	Allocation in June, 06*	Revised Allocation *w.e.f.* April, 07	Allocation *w.e.f.* July, 07#
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	318.287	318.287	318.287	318.287
2	Assam	121.710	121.710	83.043	92.443
3	Arunachal Pradesh	7.647	7.676	10.676	7.677
4	Bihar	201.316	242.369	157.194	157.194
5	Chhattisgarh	119.684	124.031	63.766	63.766
6	Delhi	29.180	29.180	19.864	19.864
7	Goa	7.473	7.628	1.464	1.464
8	Gujarat	108.089	125.533	49.734	49.734
9	Haryana	30,489	30.489	5.810	5.810
10	Himachal Pradesh	22.160	22.160	20.930	20.930
11	Jammu and Kashmir	44.617	45.931	45.931	45.931
12	Jharkhand	67.544	71.199	59.971	59.971
13	Karnataka	207.487	210.397	194.541	194.541
14	Kerala	159.424	160.468	68.755	68.755
15	Madhya Pradesh	94.915	95.254	38.814	38.814
16	Maharashtra	228363	248.676	114.088	114.088
17	Manipur	7.366	8.474	7.290	8.085
18	Meghalaya	9.509	9.509	9.509	11.065
19	Mizoram	4.826	5.221	5.221	5.640
20	Nagaland	7.855	7.866	7.866	7.854
21	Orissa	198.329	198.329	146.905	146.905
22	Punjab	40.992	43.393	6.562	6.562
23	Rajasthan	84.005	85.518	17.940	17.940
24	Sikkim	3.071	3.071	3.426	3.445
25	Tamil Nadu	475.863	475.863	396.151	396.151
26	Tripura	21.266	21.266	17.235	20.695

1	2	3	4	5	6
27	Uttaranchal	29.470	29.470	18.325	73.300
28	Uttar Pradesh	519.835	519.835	251. 707	251. 707
29	West Bengal	318.268	337.726	116.498	116.498
30	A & N Islands	1.847	1.927	1.927	1.927
31	Chandigarh	2.066	2.154	0.285	0.285
32	D & N Haveli	0.902	0.997	0.889	0.889
33	Daman and Diu	0.796	0.826	0.188	0.188
34	Lakshadweep	0.306	0.306	0.313	0.384
35	Pondicherry	6.926	6.926	5.296	5.2%
	TOTAL:	3501.883	3619.665	2266.401	2334.085

* Changes in allocation of rice in some States are on account of substitution of wheat by rice, variations in the
number of eligible BPL/AAY families etc.

Increase in allocation is on account of enhancement. of allocation for North Eastern States.

Statement-III

States/UTs which have requested for increase/restoration of food grains allocation under TPDS

SI. No.	Name of States/UTs
1	2
1.	Andhra Pradesh
2	Arunachal Pradesh
3.	Assam
4.	Bihar
5.	Chhattisgarh
6	Goa
7.	Gujarat
8.	Himachal Pradesh
9.	Jammu and Kashmir
10.	Kerala
11.	Madhya Pradesh
12.	Manipur
13.	Meghalaya
1.	Mizoram

1	2
14.	Nagaland
15.	Oirssa
16.	Punjab
17.	Rajasthan
18.	Sikkim
19.	Tamil Nadu
20.	Tripura
21.	Uttarakhand
22.	Uttar Pradesh
23.	West Bengal
24.	A and N Islands
25.	Chandigarh
26.	D and N Haveli
27.	Lakshadweep

Statement-IV

Additional Allocation of wheat to States under APL Category for the months from September 2006 to July 2007

(In Tons)

Sl. No.	States	Sep, 2006	Oct, 2006	Nav, 2006	Dec, 2006	Jan , 2007-March, 2007 (Per Month)	April-July, 2007 (Per Month)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	AP	4000	4000	4000	4000	4000	4000
2.	Arunachal pd	300	300	300	300	300	300
3.	Assam	4000	4000	3000	3000	3000	3000
4.	Bihar	4000	4000	2000	2000	2000	2000
5.	Chhatisgarhi	3000	3000	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
6.	Delhi	8000	8000	10000	10000	10000	5000
7.	Goa	500	500	500	500	500	500
8.	Gujarat	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
9.	Haryana	2500	2500	1500	1500	1500	1500
10.	HP	3500	3500	3500	3500	6500	6500

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11.	J&K	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
12.	Jharkhand	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
13.	Karnataka	4000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
14.	Kerala	5000	6000	8000	8000	8000	8000
15.	MP	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
16.	Maharastra	5000	6000	10000	10000	10000	1000
17.	Manipur	300	300	300	300	300	300
18.	Meghalaya	300	300	300	300	300	300
19.	Mizoram	300	300	300	300	300	300
20	Nagaland	300	300	300	300	300	300
21.	Orissa	4000	5000	4000	4000	4000	4000
22.	Punjab	2500	2500	2500	2000	12000	3000
23.	Rajasthan	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000
24.	Sikkim	300	300	300	300	300	300
25.	Tamil Nadu	4000	5000	5000	5000	6250	6250
26.	Tripura	800	800	800	800	800	800
27.	Uttar Pradesh	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
28.	Uttarakhand	5000	5000	5000	5000	10000	5000
29.	West Bengal	10000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
30.	And -Nicobar	100	100	100	300	300	300
31.	D&N Haveli	50	50	50	50	50	50
32.	Pondicherry	100	100	150	150	150	150
33.	Chandigarh	50	50	50	50	50	50
34.	Lakshadweep	50	50	NIL	50	50	50
35.	Daman and Diu	50	50	50	50	50	50
	TOTAL:	100000	100000	100000	99750	119000	100000

Procurement of foodgrains

2050. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the organizations engaged in the procurement of foodgrains;

(b) the procedure adopted by the Central Government to ensure that the MSP reaches the farmers in the true sense of the term;